

How Do I Help Someone Get Involuntary Mental Health Treatment?

Is the individual under a treatment order?

Yes

Contact Community Mental Health. A note from a psychiatrist & the order will allow law enforcement to transport the individual back to the hospital.

No

Has Community Mental Health requested treatment?

No

Contact Community Mental Health. They will assist you in requesting an order to take the individual to the hospital for evaluation. Petition for Hospitalization ([PCM 201](#)) & Supplemental Petition ([PCM 209](#))

Yes

CMH will file a Petition for Hospitalization (PCM 201) and make arrangements to have the individual transported to the hospital.

Once the individual is seen by the hospital, they will make a decision whether to detain the individual for treatment or release immediately if the individual refuses.

If the hospital feels the individual needs treatment & he/she does not agree to stay, they will send information to the Court (2 Clinical Certificates ([PCM 208](#)) with the petition.

The individual will be detained pending a hearing. An attorney will be appointed and a Deferral Conference will be scheduled within 72 hours. At that time, the individual may sign a Request to Defer ([PCM 235](#)) indicating he/she agrees to treatment.

If the individual has not agreed to treatment and/or Deferral was not appropriate, a hearing will be held by the Court within 7 days. The Court will determine by clear and convincing evidence if the person is expected to harm him/herself, others, and/or is unable to understand the need for treatment; in doing so, then ordering the individual to be detained for treatment (up to 60 days hospitalization & 90 days alternative treatment).

Emergency Contacts

Law Enforcement
911

Northern Lakes Community Mental Health
(231) 922-4850